

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Previously presented) A process for manufacturing a bag from a polymer and/or metal film material, comprising feeding the bag-forming material that is in a form of a single film web and that is wound up on a roll to an unwinding station of a bottom forming device, cutting the unwound film web into four film segments, connecting the four film segments to form a film tube having four outer walls that are connected respectively by four seams, at least one part of the four seams of the film tube being formed by a joining process in which additional adhesive or extrudate joining material is applied on the seam, and sealing the connected film segments so as to form at least one sealed end of the bag.

2. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein the film tube includes side gussets.

3. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein a bottom of the bag is formed by transverse sealing.

4. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein a bottom of the bag is formed by a squeezing process and a transverse sealing process.

5. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 1, further comprising a step of filling the formed bag.

6. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 1, further comprising a step of sealing a top end of the bag by transverse sealing.

7. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 5, wherein the step of forming the bag and the step of filling the bag are performed in a form, fill, and seal machine.

8-9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein a conveying direction of the four film segments to a joining station defines a longitudinal axis of the formed film tube.

11-21. (Canceled)